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Brown pleads guilty to assault

MUSIC R&B singer Chris Brown pleaded guilty yesterday to assaulting his former girlfriend, pop star Rihanna and could be sentenced to five years of probation.

Brown, the singer of the hits Run It and Kiss Kiss, entered the plea at a hearing in a Los Angeles courtroom. He had been accused of assaulting and making criminal threats against Rihanna in February on the eve of the Grammy Awards. **REUTERS**

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Same Sex Marriage

This week, Metro Canada is taking a closer look at the state of same-sex marriages. We will look at same-sex marriage in Canada, the United States and around the world — and introduce you to people who have gotten married, or plan to tie the knot.

Today

- **We introduce you to some same-sex couples from across Canada, pg 4**

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- **After California, same-sex marriage supporters are fighting back.**

Thursday

- **We introduce you to some couples hoping to get married in the U.S.**

Friday

- **An update on the status of same-sex marriages in other countries.**

Iranians defiant

MOLLY RILEY/REUTERS

EDITORS' NOTE: Reuters and other foreign media are subject to Iranian restrictions on their ability to report, film or take pictures in Tehran. Above, demonstrators protest against the Iranian election in front of the White House in Washington, D.C., yesterday. Iranian opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi urged supporters to continue protests over the re-election of hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's reaction, pg 4

Iranian police broke up a protest in Tehran and the hardline Revolutionary Guards said they would help crush what they called rioters opposing the re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In New York, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged an immediate stop yesterday to use of force against civilians in the Islamic Republic and said Iranian authorities should respect civil rights in dealing with protests.

People in Tehran, in a gesture of defiance first used in the 1979 Islamic revolution and now adopted by pro-reform protesters, again chanted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) from their rooftops at nightfall yesterday.

Witnesses said supporters of opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi, officially beaten into second place by Ahmadinejad in the June 12 presidential election which he says was rigged, had earlier gathered in Tehran's Haft-e Tir square.

Iran's state Press TV channel said they were dispersed.

Residents said riot police, some on motorbikes, and members of the religious Basij militia were out in force.

One witness said that from his balcony he had seen a group of protesters chanting slogans being attacked by the Basij, who dragged the demonstrators out of a nearby house to which they had fled.

"The Basiji were really aggressive and swearing at me to go inside," said the witness, who declined to be identified. "I was scared they were going to break into my house too."

"In the current sensitive situation ... the Guards will firmly confront in a revolutionary way rioters and those who violate the law," said a statement on the Guards' website. The statement yesterday by the Guards, seen as the most loyal guardians of the ruling clerical establishment, clearly signalled a crackdown on any fresh unrest.

Mousavi called on Sunday for new protests by his supporters.

Ali Shahrokhi, head of parliament's judiciary committee, said Mousavi should be prosecuted for "illegal protests and issuing provocative statements," the semi-official Fars news agency reported. **REUTERS**

Neda Agha-Soltan

Neda means 'the voice' in Persian

As the world watched in horror through social media the brutal death of 27-year-old philosophy student Neda Agha-Soltan at the hands of a Basij gunman, a Calgary Iranian woman said it's all too common an occurrence under the Iranian government.

"This government has brought nothing to the people (of Iran) but misery, shame and poverty. This is an example of what they have been doing for 30 years," Maryam Hassanvand told Metro.

Hassanvand said Soltan's death has stirred outrage among Iranians, including those in the Iranian-Calgarian community, she believes bringing to a boiling point the tensions of those protesting the current government.

"They're saying she's now the voice of Iran right now, she's a symbol of the protest," said Hassanvand. **METRO CALGARY**

YOUTUBE VIDEO

In this still from a YouTube video, a woman identified as Neda Agha-Soltan takes a bullet to the chest and dies on the street.

Calgary's economy not out of the woods yet: Report

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Calgarians hoping for an improvement in the economy may see it get worse before it gets better, according to a report released yesterday.

The Calgary Economic Development's semi-annual State of the Economy review painted a dismal picture of the current state of the city, chief economist Adam Legge said.

"I think things will have to get a bit worse before they get better and I don't really think we will start to see any signs of recovery until well into 2010," Legge said.

Legge said that while Calgary seems to be in the "middle of the pack" of cities across the country during the recession, the city is facing staggering changes, including the unemployment rate, which has risen to 6.6 per cent. Meanwhile, EI claims have dramatically increased 187 per cent as of March.

"It has felt like a very long fall back to Earth," Legge said.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said the report just highlights the need for city council to tighten their belts when it comes to spending taxpayer's money.

"I think we need to be better and I will be lobbying my colleagues for more responsible business practices in the future," McIver said.

5% The amount Albertans' average weekly earnings have risen since May 2008.

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Province sees a huge bump in EI
Alberta's regular employment insurance beneficiaries grew faster than any other province in April, according to Statistics Canada. The number of people receiving EI in Alberta grew by 16 per cent to 48,300. In Calgary, that number grew to 17,300 from 12,700. METRO CALGARY

Local

$2M tabbed to help at-risk kids

Several Calgary family services organizations celebrated a $2-million federal government announcement yesterday that will go towards helping children and youth at risk. Children and Youth Services Minister Janis Tarchuk, left, made the announcement at the Boys and Girls Club yesterday. METRO CALGARY

AMY GREGSON/FOR METRO CALGARY

Sarah Ryan and Roary the Lion.

Calgary girl gets wish No. 15,000

DREAM Sarah Ryan, 7, loves Hannah Montana's music, movies, and television show, and even dressed up as her for Halloween.

As the Children's Wish Foundation's 15,000th wish recipient yesterday, Sarah and her family will get to meet Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus).

"It's huge," said Sarah's mom Ally. "We are very grateful."

Sarah was born with a congenital heart defect and had a heart transplant at five. She has now recovered and is doing great, said Ally Ryan.

AMY GREGSON/FOR METRO CALGARY

Parking fee hike stays

Council votes against motion to reconsider increase

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

Calgarians still won't be seeing any relief when it comes to downtown parking rates.

A motion to reconsider a previous increase to short-term parking rates in the downtown was shot down by council yesterday.

"I thought this was very much an almost no-brainier as far as parking is concerned," said Ward 8 Ald. John Mar, who tabled the motion.

In order for the reconsideration motion to be passed, Mar needed 10 votes in his favour.

"I thought I had the votes. I am very disappointed given the fact that this was only a 25 per cent rollback," said Mar.

According to Mar, the rollback he was requesting would have made the price to park in downtown streets the same as 2008.

Calgary has among the highest short-term parking rates in North America and has a monopoly of on-street short-term parking, said Mar.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgarians will still be hit with $5-per-hour maximum parking fees in some downtown areas, as a motion at city council yesterday to reduce those rates failed to gain enough support for reconsideration.

"I am very disappointed given the fact that this was only a 25 per cent rollback."
Ald. John Mar

Mar wanted the 25 per cent rollback because of the increased financial pressure put upon both Calgarians and businesses in these economic times.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver was also disappointed with the failure of the proposal.

"This should have been an easy one," said McIver.

"I supported it because I thought it was simply what the citizens want and the right thing to do."

This is the second time votes to reconsider parking rates have been turned back by city council.

Calgary in brief

ASSISTANCE Police are looking for a male offender who entered the TD Canada Trust in the 700 block of 3 St. SW Saturday and took off with an undisclosed amount of money. Anyone with information is asked to call 403-206-8787.

IDENTIFIED The man killed in a collision at Glenmore Trail and 52 Street on June 18 has been identified as Ryan James Wald, 32, of Langdon. Police believe that Wald's truck struck the back of a large commercial vehicle.

WRITER The University of Calgary has named Marcello Di Cintio as its 2009-2010 writer-in-residence. Di Cintio is a U of C alumnus. He will spend the year writing, attending workshops and public readings, and working with other writers.

MEETING The Calgary Police Commission will be hosting its third public hearing in 2009 discussing District 7, automated traffic enforcement in Calgary and domestic violence. The meeting will be held today at 6:30 p.m. at the Huntington Hills Community Centre.

LOCKDOWN Hundreds of evening shoppers at Marlborough Mall were on lockdown when a suspect in a stolen car escaped into the shopping centre, according to police. Witnesses said they were on lockdown for an hour.

CHARGED Chestermere RCMP found evidence of marijuana trafficking and seized tens of thousands of Canadian dollars after a traffic stop on Highway 1A. Two men from Calgary have been charged with possessing property over $5,000 obtained by crime. METRO CALGARY

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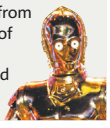
WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Your Money Allan Small on evidence that a long-awaited balance has finally returned to the markets at **metronews.ca/investing**

Blogs Hollywood Rants has video evidence from a tawdry union of Star Wars, Kris Kristofferson and the Osmonds



Council gives festivals a break from fees

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

SUPPORT Calgary's festivals will be receiving a boost from the city for this year and upcoming ones.

Council agreed to a motion that would see festivals save a maximum of 25 per cent on city fees for 2009.

"To me this is very important; there are some (festivals) that are on the ropes financially and could use that boost," said Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver.

McIver said he proposed the motion because he feels that festivals are part of what makes Calgary a great place to live.

The 25 per cent savings on city fees will also be passed on to festivals that have already taken place this year.

VideoOnline
Festival organizers relieved to be rid of bill for lost parking fees at **metronews.ca/local**

"Some of the festivals that have already gone forward have had financial difficulty and this gives them an opportunity to get their bills paid and live to fight another day," said McIver.

Festivals will also be seeing relief in 2010 and 2011 as the city has allocated $1 million for 2010 and $1.5 million for 2011 to help support public festivals and events on city-owned land.

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U.S. launches aircraft over border

4 The U.S. Department of Homeland Security launched another unmanned surveillance aircraft over the Canadian border yesterday, U.S. officials told CBC News. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Celebrating marriage across the country

Same Sex Marriage

As part of its same-sex marriage series, Metro Canada is introducing you to some lesbian and gay couples planning to tie the knot. Here are their stories:

EDMONTON Kristie Eklund, 33, and Elena Chalmers, 44, met in 2007 when they joined the Oil City Derby Girls roller derby team. The pair dropped to their knees and embraced in front of their sobbing teammates in December, when Chalmers offered Eklund an engagement ring. The pair will be married on Saturday.

"We're giddy with excitement, starting our new life," said Chalmers. "I'm marrying my best friend — how much better could it get?"

HALIFAX At a wedding this Saturday in Hammonds Plains, N.S., a jockstrap will be tossed instead of a bouquet. Despite the less traditional aspects of their wedding, Patrick Daigle, 30, and Shawn Wood, 27, have one of the most fundamental building blocks of marriage — love.

"My only regret is I wish I had done it a little earlier," said Daigle, who has been with Wood for five years. The couple won a radio station's wedding contest to marry at a local farm.

VANCOUVER Leigh Cousins, who proposed to Mandy Randhawa in October after 11 years of dating, says their marriage is not only a personal affair but a social and political statement to show their hopes and dreams are no different than that of other couples.

"There's something very important and sacred about being public about it," said Randhawa. "For me it's a celebration of my love and my choices and my life as an individual."

OTTAWA Ariel Troster, 30, and her fiancée Caitlyn Pascal, 29, are reflecting on human rights, and how a law allowing same-sex couples to marry made it possible for them to wed.

"We're very aware of the fact that a lot of activists before us fought really hard so same-sex couples had a chance to marry," said Troster, who will marry Pascal next summer. "We're very aware of the context of our engagement within the political struggles."

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Leigh Cousins, right, says she is "thrilled" to live in Canada, where it is possible to marry her partner of 11 years, Mandy Randhawa.

Harper blasts Iran

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper, adopting one of the toughest lines on Iran of any Western leader, condemned yesterday what he said was Tehran's totally unacceptable use of "brute force and intimidation" to deal with protests.

Iranian state television said 10 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in demonstrations on Saturday in Tehran over a disputed June 12 presidential election.

"The regime has chosen to use brute force and intimidation in responding to peaceful opposition regarding legitimate and serious allegations of electoral fraud," Harper said in a statement.

"Canada calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately cease the use of violence against their own people." REUTERS

Kazemi

- Canada's relations with Iran have been strained since 2003, when Iranian-Canadian photographer Zahra Kazemi died in custody in Tehran after being arrested.

News in brief

COURTS A Palestinian village in the West Bank will argue that a Quebec court should hear its lawsuit against two Canadian construction companies that it alleges illegally constructed buildings on Israeli-occupied territory, CBC News Online reports.

MURDERS One of two Mississauga, Ont., sisters convicted four years ago of killing their mother by drowning her in a bathtub will be let out of prison and allowed to move to a halfway house, CBC News Online reports. The woman, who cannot be identified, was granted early release so she can take university studies this fall.

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Walk in the park? Tokyo looks skyward
Many Tokyo roofs have been converted into gardens. Eight years ago the city made it mandatory for new buildings to cover at least 20 per cent of space with greenery. REUTERS

World

Deadly crash strikes Washington subway

Two Washington, D.C., subway trains collided during the afternoon rush hour yesterday, killing six people and injuring 70 in a mass of tangled metal.

Mayor Adrian Fenty called the crash the deadliest in the 33-year history of the city's Metro subway system.

Fire Chief Dennis Rubin said 70 people had been treated for injuries, including at least two who were critically injured.

At least one car from one of the trains was hurled onto the top of the other train in the accident, which occurred on above-ground tracks. Emergency workers propped ladders up against train doors to rescue people. Officials said one train hit another train that had stopped, but the cause of the crash was not immediately clear.

"What happened at approximately 5:02 or 5:03 (was) one train was stopped waiting to get the order to pass because of a train stopped at the platform. The next train came up behind it and, for reasons that we do not know, collided into the back of that train," said John Catoe, general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The transit authority said one of those killed was a female train operator in the trailing train. The accident trapped passengers in one or more of the subway cars.

"It just happened. There was no slowing down of the train, just a jerk," said Theroza Doshi. "There was no attempt at braking. We just slammed into whatever we slammed into."

One witness described how one train appeared to collide with — and then run up and over — the second train. REUTERS

Washington Metro

- Yesterday's accident was the first crash involving a passenger death since 1982, when three people were killed in a derailment. The Metro train system began service in 1976.

San Francisco **First lady visit**

ROBERT GALBRAITH/REUTERS

U.S. first lady Michelle Obama greets students after helping to construct playground equipment during her visit to an elementary School in San Francisco yesterday.

Craigslist suspect pleads not guilty

PLEA A medical student suspected of being the "Craigslist killer" pleaded not guilty yesterday to first-degree murder and six other charges related to attacks against women who advertised on the popular site.

Philip Markoff, 23, was indicted in a Boston court for the April murder of Julissa Brisman, a 25-year-old masseuse who advertised in the erotic services section of Craigslist.com. Police said he struck Brisman in the head and then shot her three times at a Boston hotel. He also pleaded not guilty to charges of armed robbery and kidnapping related to an April 10 assault on another woman who advertised on Craigslist. He also faces charges for a similar attack in Rhode Island. REUTERS

News in brief

FRANCE French President Nicolas Sarkozy declared yesterday that wearing the Islamic burqa is no longer a welcome practice in France, branding the face-covering, body-length gown as a symbol of female subservience that turns women into "prisoners." METRO NEWS SERVICES

PAKISTAN About 40,000 Pakistanis are on the move even before a military offensive begins in the Taliban stronghold of South Waziristan, UN officials said yesterday, and are headed for communities already stretched to the limit. Nearly 2 million people have fled northwest Pakistan, most since early May when the military began an offensive against Taliban insurgents, prompting the UN to launch an appeal for $543 million in aid to avert a long-term humanitarian crisis.

MEXICO Mexican police have arrested seven government employees for their involvement in a fire at a day-care centre this month that killed 47 children, the government said yesterday. The employees, facing charges of criminal negligence, were responsible for a warehouse where the June 5 fire started and then spread to the nearby ABC day-care centre, the state government said in a statement. REUTERS

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All hail the Sun King PM

NationalReport

Information commissioner Robert Marleau resigned yesterday, saying the reasons were personal and private.

We'll take him at his word. He wasn't pushed out. He wasn't overly frustrated at being information commissioner under one of the most secretive and domineering governments the country has ever known.

Quite coincidentally, on the day he resigned the news arrived that the government regards the cost of the Afghan war a state secret and will not be revealing it. The Defence Department cited national security in refusing a request by the New Democratic Party on the costs of the war.

Imagine that. What other country, excepting authoritarian states, refuses to reveal the cost of military missions? We recall last fall when the Harper government vehemently opposed Budget Officer Kevin Page's decision to reveal the cost of the war. The Harper government has been at war, so to speak, with Mr. Page over this and other actions of his in which he has demonstrated a strain of independence. His deficit forecasting, for example, has angered the government because it has been at odds with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's prophesies. His forecasting has been more accurate than Mr. Flaherty's, but that doesn't count. Mr. Page is not on the same page. He is therefore an outcast.

The resignation of Mr. Marleau comes also the day after a report appeared in The Toronto Star in which he was quoted as saying Ottawa has been failing for years to live up to promises of openness. "Static decline," he called it.

In his periodic reports to Parliament, Mr. Marleau had criticized the Harper team for blocking access to information. A prime violator, he said, was the Privy Council Office which works in tandem with the prime minister.

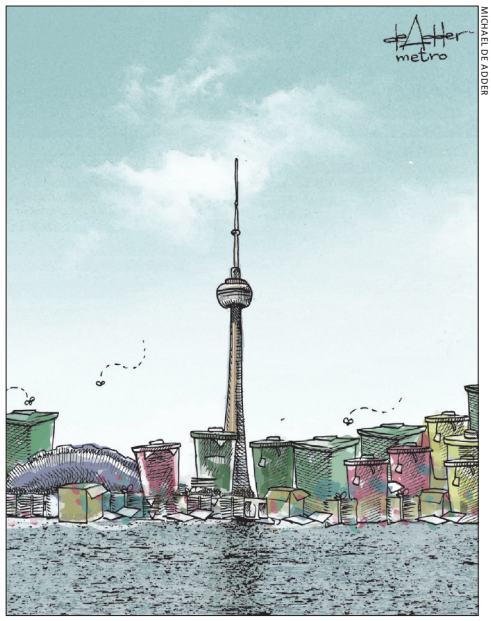
The pattern of the prime minister and his operatives, repeatedly criticized as being control freaks, has become increasingly apparent. In this so called democracy, any dissent, any independent challenge to its authority, will not be tolerated. Before the Conservatives came to power, the Liberals had established quite a reputation for secrecy and overcentralization of power. The Harperites promised a new era of openness and brought in their Accountability Act. It sounded good on paper. In practice it has been largely forgotten.

Stephen Harper

We keep thinking Mr. Harper might change. Last week he showed some capacity for openness and power-sharing capacity when he sat down with Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to work out some differences.

Some democratic spirit was breathed into the system. But as other developments indicate, change isn't happening. Our PM has been jokingly referred to as the Sun King. The problem is that it's not always a joke.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



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Views

The long and short of same-sex marriage

Bert Archer
Guest Columnist

Have you ever wondered how many women married each other last year? It was a big political issue for years here, and remains an enormous one in that lamentable nation to our south. And yet, it's not a number that's bandied about much. I think I know why.

In Toronto, the answer is 616. That's down 28 per cent from 2004, the first full year in which same-sex marriage was legal. The total number of marriages was down five per cent over the same period. For men, the number was 868, down the same 28 per cent since 2004. According to the 2006 census, there were 7,465 married same-sex couples in Canada. Chances are, there are still fewer than 10,000 of them, compared with more than six million of the opposite-sex variety. We changed a lot of laws to let these people marry each other, and upset a lot of people in the process — all for what's turned out to be something like 0.06 per cent of the population.

Was it all worth it?

The short answer is no. The government's only calculable interest in its constituents marrying is the production of more citizens, more taxpayers and while same-sex coupling doesn't do any harm to that formula, it doesn't help it either. So the state should have stayed where it was, with a hand in the couplings it has an interest in, staying clear of those it doesn't.

The long answer, however, is yes. Not everything a government does can be expressed on a spreadsheet, a mistake many of us make when we moan about unbusinesslike practices. What the government did when it changed all those laws was create a different Canada. It had been a long time since we led the world. Medicare was great, and we were once Pearson's peacekeepers. But other than Céline Dion and the BlackBerry, what had we done for the world lately? Six years ago this month, we became only the third nation in the world to let same-sex couples marry.

From that point on, the rest of the world has been playing catch-up. I'd stopped going to Pride, to be honest. The whole idea seemed stuck in another decade.

But six years ago, the weekend after Pride took on a whole new meaning. I'm not going to go this year, but you can be sure my fiancé and I will be two of the proudest pups on Parliament Hill this Canada Day.

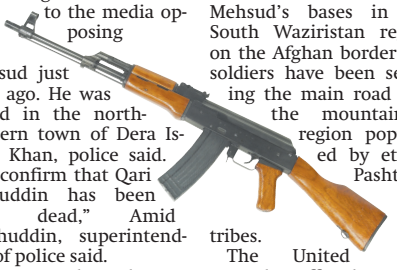
Bert Archer is a Toronto writer, journalist and author whose notion that living in New York or Paris might be cooler evaporated six years ago this month.

Worth mentioning

Taliban rival killed days after opposition aired

A gunman shot dead a Pakistani militant commander yesterday who was a rival to Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud, police said.

The militant commander, known as Qari Zainuddin, had given statements to the media opposing Mehsud just days ago. He was killed in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan, police said.



"I confirm that Qari Zainuddin has been shot dead," Amid Salahuddin, superintendent of police said.

It was not clear who was behind the killing, he said.

Militants are split into several factions in northwest Pakistan, some of which are rivals.

The government has ordered the military to go on the offensive against Mehsud, who has been accused of a string of bomb attacks, including the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto in 2007.

The military has launched air strikes on Mehsud's bases in the South Waziristan region on the Afghan border and soldiers have been securing the main road into the mountainous region populated by ethnic Pashtun tribes.

The United States has offered a reward of $5 million on information leading to Mehsud's location or arrest.

Suspicion is likely to focus on Mehsud for Zainuddin's murder said analysts.

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Obama hails drug discount program for elderly

President Barack Obama yesterday hailed a deal with U.S. drug companies to cut prescription costs for the elderly, a move that could help him drive his ambitious health-care reforms through Congress. The drug deal offers $80 billion US in prescription discounts over 10 years. REUTERS

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Few strides in capital markets for women

STUDY There has been no rise in the number of women working in key parts of Canadian capital markets since the start of the decade, a study released yesterday showed, despite robust growth in the industry and efforts to ensure more female representation.

Men continue to outnumber women four to one in all positions — excluding administrators — in a financial sector that ranges from brokerages to underwriting.

"It was a disappointment," said Martha Fell, chief executive of Women in Capital Markets, a non-profit organization that promotes the entry, advancement and development of women in the capital markets. The group commissioned the study to benchmark 2008.

There has been robust growth in the industry overall recently — the number of people in capital markets was up 12 per cent in 2008 from 2005 — but the percentage of women represented has barely changed.

The study showed the overall percentage of women in the investment dealer and retail private client business lines was up slightly at 39 per cent in 2008 from 37 per cent in 2000. Between 2005-2008, the figure was unchanged at 39 per cent.

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Recession hurting U.S. brand loyalty

STUDY The U.S. recession is taking a bite out of national brand loyalty in products ranging from Advil pain reliever and Green Giant frozen vegetables to Jif peanut butter, according to a study released yesterday.

Forty-eight per cent of highly loyal consumers stayed that way during the study period, while 19 per cent reduced their loyalty and 33 per cent completely defected to another brand in the same category in 2008, research from the Pointer Media Network showed. REUTERS

Air Canada reaches deal with last union

Agreement crucial for securing financing

Air Canada reached a tentative labour agreement yesterday with its last hold-out union, removing an important obstacle in the cash-strapped airline's bid to line up financing to stave off bankruptcy.

With the help of two mediators, Air Canada and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which represents 6,700 flight attendants at the airline, agreed to extend their collective labour agreement for 21 months — the same deal Air Canada struck with its four other unions.

But an analyst said labour peace is just one of several boxes the airline needs to check off to avoid filing for bankruptcy for the second time in six years.

"As of now they are not out of the woods yet. The labour agreement is just the first step in a multi-step process," Research Capital analyst Jacques Kavafian said.

Key to Air Canada's future is raising fresh financing to pay off debt. The airline has repeatedly said lenders require labour peace before they will consider loans, so its move to extend all its union contracts was crucial.

Another important prong will be how well the airline performs financially over the important summer vacation period.

Kavafian said that June "will probably not be a good month," but that July and August could be "pretty good" based on advance bookings and prices.

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Moratorium

- Air Canada has also reached agreements with all five of its unions on a 21-month moratorium on funding a $2.9-billion shortfall in its pension plan.

Enbridge to build pipeline for Kearl

OILSANDS Enbridge Inc. said yesterday it won the right to build a pipeline system serving Imperial Oil Ltd.'s Kearl oilsands project, though the cost and size of the line have yet to be finalized.

Enbridge, Canada's No. 2 pipeline company, offered few details on the scope or timing of the line.

Company spokeswoman Paula Leslie said the project would likely be built in phases, with the first phase of the line running from the Kearl site north of Fort McMurray, Alta., to an existing terminal south of that city that serves other oilsands projects.

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Expected output

- The Kearl project is expected to produce 110,000 barrels of tar-like bitumen a day when complete in 2012, with later expansions pushing output to more than 300,000 barrels per day

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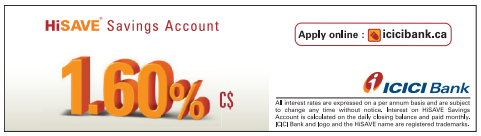

Loyalty sexier than ever

It's all about strategic shopping, stretching the buck

I've been a big fan of loyalty programs since my dad religiously collected Canadian Tire money in shoeboxes in his closet.

You might not think of it this way but that retail funny money was an early form of a loyalty program.

These days the trouble with reward\loyalty cards is they tend to proliferate in your wallet. And if you clean it out the one you need ends up missing at the checkout. The other downside to the loyalty business is that retail and travel love affairs end just like human ones. If you're invested in a single store, hotel or airline and decide to switch your affections all that loyalty goes out the window.

Alison's Money Rule:

- Learning how to be a savvy spender with a loyalty program can pay huge dividends far beyond this difficult economic period.

The recession lesson, in terms of loyalty programs, is to consolidate your spending devotion and pick one, preferably attached to a credit card. Use the card for all your everyday purchases like groceries, gas and pharmacy items. Pay off the balance monthly and you will reap the reward awards and enjoy an enhanced credit rating. But don't get carried away and buy stuff you don't need solely to get the loyalty reward.

Personally, I like Air Miles because there are over 100 sponsors and thousands of rewards so you are not stuck with one hotel or airline. But whichever loyalty program you choose, be sure to take full advantage. Shop where the loyalty card is honoured and use both your member card and the credit card to double dip.

In the case of Air Miles, the only way to get the additional bonus points offered is to use both your blue or gold Air Miles card plus the loyalty credit card. I call that the Triple Threat Trick.

Learning how to be a savvy spender will pay huge dividends far beyond this difficult economic period. For example, you can consider all those reward miles as an emergency bank account to pay for an unexpected trip or replace a broken appliance. In the end it's all about strategic shopping and stretching the buck.

Shop where your loyalty card is honoured and use both your member card and the credit card to "double dip".

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Boating not just for the rich

While recreational boating in Canada is perceived as an activity for the affluent, it actually attracts mostly middle-class participants. Most boats on Canada's waterways are less than 21 feet in length with monthly payments as low as $200 or less. DiscoverBoating.ca. NEWS CANADA

Involved in a car accident? Keep these tips in mind for filing a claim

INSURANCE Being involved in an auto accident can be extremely stressful, but filing a claim shouldn't be. Knowing what to do immediately following an accident can make filing the claim much easier and prevent any confusion. Below are some key items RBC Insurance reminds you to be aware of in the event they are in an accident.

- Do not discuss the accident with anyone other than the police and do not accept responsibility.
- Immediately obtain information from all car owners/drivers involved including their full names, addresses, phone numbers, plate and driver's licence numbers, auto policy number and issuing company. Remember to always keep a pen and pad in your vehicle.
- Get complete contact information of any witnesses, especially if they were not involved in the accident.
- Write down details such as the time, date and location of the accident, as well as road conditions.
- Sketch the positions and directions of all vehicles involved, if possible.
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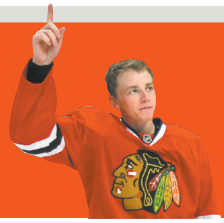
Fehr set to retire

Donald Fehr is retiring as head of the baseball players' association after more than a quarter-century in charge of the powerful labour union. Fehr, who turns 61 next month, said yesterday he will retire no later than the end of March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Cover boy Kane

Chicago Blackhawks winger Patrick Kane, left, is the new cover boy of EA Sports made-in-Vancouver NHL 10 video game. Kane follows in the footsteps of Calgary Flames defenceman Dion Phaneuf, who was on the 2009 cover. Alex Ovechkin is featured on the cover of the rival 2K Sports game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

TENNIS Roger Federer advanced at Wimbledon yesterday, beating Lu Yen-Hsun. Aleksandra Wozniak, the Blainville, Que., native seeded No. 23, lost to Francesca Schiavone. Fellow Canadian Frank Dancevic lost to Steve Darcis. REUTERS

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Stampeders release Armour

Linebacker cut from roster for disciplinary reasons after incident during practice

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary

Calgary Stampeders linebacker JoJuan Armour enjoys hitting things — now he has been told to hit the road.

The veteran linebacker, a key piece of the 2008 Grey Cup championship team, was released yesterday for disciplinary reasons just two days after receiving his cherished championship ring.

"It's never easy to release someone who contributed to a championship season, so I'm very disappointed to have to make this announcement about JoJuan today," said head coach/general manager John Hufnagel.

Game tonight

• The Stamps play their final pre-season game tonight in Saskatchewan at 7 p.m.

"We have a very clear policy on team discipline, whether it's on the practice field, during games or off the field. JoJuan chose not to follow that policy recently during practice and, as a result, I've made this decision. He played an important role on our football team last year but we're going in a different direction for 2009."

Armour had been disciplined on Friday for throwing a teammate to the McMahon Stadium turf during practice. He was also suspended last October after being involved in an off-field incident.

Armour, 32, joined the Stamps prior to the 2008 Canadian Football League season and played all 18 regular-season games, in addition to the Grey Cup win last November in Montreal.

Glover holds on for U.S. Open title

Lucas Glover stayed rock steady to hold off thrilling charges by fellow Americans Phil Mickelson and David Duval and claim his first major title at the weather-delayed U.S. Open yesterday.

Five strokes ahead of the field overnight with compatriot Ricky Barnes, Glover closed with a three-over-par 73 at a blustery and overcast Bethpage Black to triumph by two shots.

The 29-year-old, whose only previous PGA Tour victory came at the 2005 Disney Classic, kept his composure in nerve-jangling conditions to post a four-under total of 276.

"It was a test of patience today," a beaming Glover said after earning the winner's cheque for $1.35 million. "It was tough. The golf course played fantastic but it was just hard today.

"I was pretty nervous coming down the stretch and 16 obviously was huge," he added, referring to a six-foot putt there for his only birdie of the day. "I hit the shots today that I had to hit in the situation." REUTERS

Final Canadian scores

• Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., and Stephen Ames of Calgary finished tied for 10th at 2-over.

• Amateur Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, B.C., finished as the low amateur with an 8-over 288 total.

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Lucas Glover kisses the trophy after winning the U.S. Open championship yesterday in Farmingdale, New York.

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Sitting pretty

Retail market addressing men's interest in skin care and grooming products

KATE McCAFFERY
For Metro Canada

Although terms like "metrosexual" are fading from use — thank goodness — men today are definitely showing more interest in skin care and grooming. So much interest, in fact, that the cosmetics industry has identified the male market as an area of future growth.

Believe it or not, rap star 50 Cent is reportedly developing a skin care line for men and Holt Renfrew has launched professional facial services for its male clients.

Meanwhile, Grey's Anatomy star Patrick Dempsey is on deck for spokesperson duty at L'Oréal and even Kiehl's is donating all net proceeds from one of its biodegradable body cleanser products in exchange for an endorsement from actor Brad Pitt — even though Pitt won't appear on the bottle or in any advertisements.

For men, the interest is good news. Retailers are understanding more about the way men like to shop and more attention is being paid to product quality. All-in-one convenience products, moisturizers for men and lighter texture sunscreens are just a few of the growing number of items that can be found.

What's interesting and somewhat surprising, says Dave Lackie, editor of Cosmetics Magazine, is the take-off of demand and interest in anti-aging products for men.

"Ten years ago, the best-selling items in the skin care lines were shave creams and aftershaves. Today, they're all anti-aging products — firming, eye creams. Anything that targets wrinkles has been a surprise hit."

Left, Rap star 50 Cent is reportedly developing a skin care line for men; Kiehl's is donating 100 per cent of net proceeds from one of its biodegradable body cleansing products in exchange for an endorsement from actor Brad Pitt.

He says there are two trends driving this interest: Boomers want to beat perceived ageism issues in the workforce and younger men are becoming interested in treatments, the luxe lifestyle and the whole experience of looking good. "There is a whole new group of consumers coming in that are open to this," says Lackie.

Shoppers Drug Mart representative Tammy Smithram agrees. Nowadays, she says, those men who are buying skin care products tend to be younger, but there is also a growing group of older customers interested in all of the same products typically associated with women's skin care. "The first purchase might have been made by a woman, but the next purchase is being made by the man — they're replenishing now. I even hear stories where men are actually borrowing their wife's skin care products," she laughs.

The J Spot
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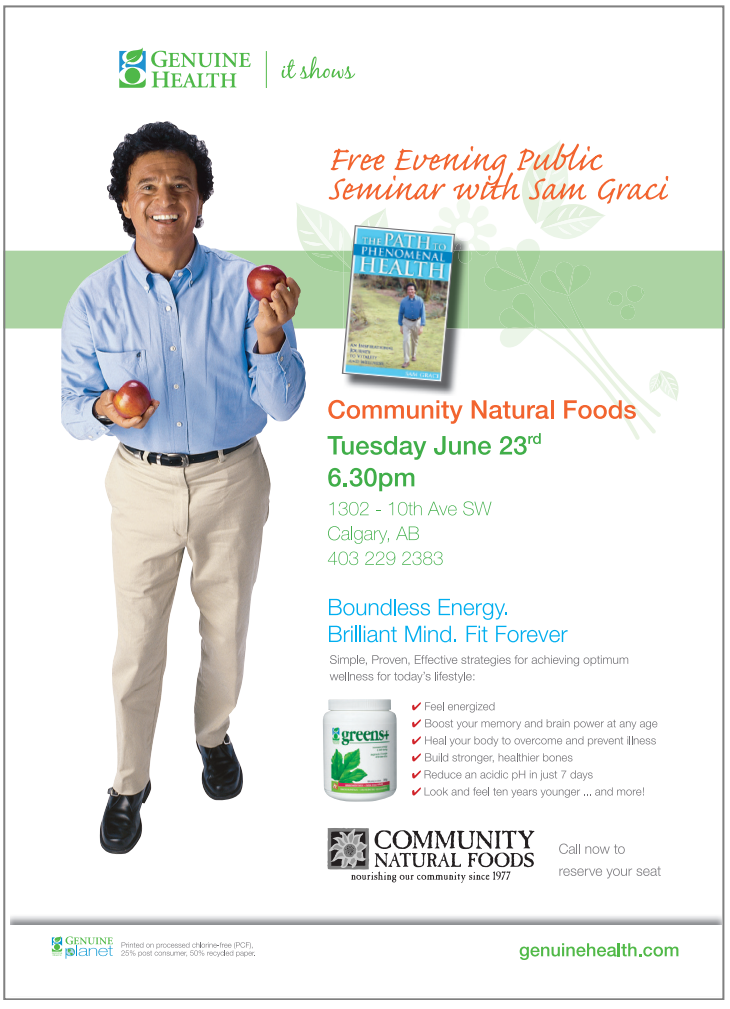

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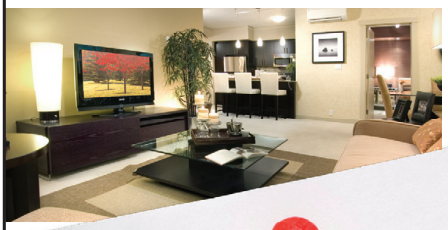

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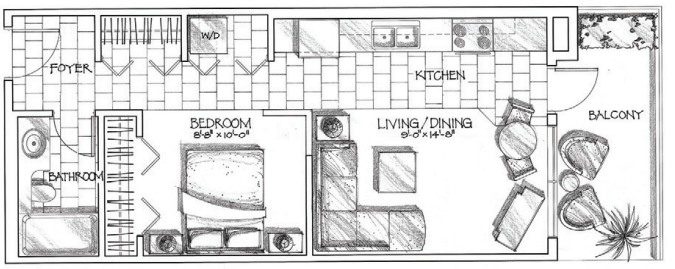

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Nip/Tuck cancelled
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Entertainment

New role
Britney Spears is set to star in a new movie. The singer is in talks to star in The Yellow Star of Sophia and Eton, which is set during the Second World War. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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DVD picks

Crossing Over
Director: Wayne Kramer

HARRISON FORD'S artistic losing streak continues with this muddled immigration drama that makes Crash look like some kind of masterpiece. He's Max Brogan, a veteran agent for the U.S. department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Los Angeles, and also the butt of jokes for his bleeding-heart approach to every border jumper and refugee claimant. Max gets swept away by sympathy for a Mexican single mom (Alice Braga) who is about to be deported, along with her young son. Others, meanwhile, are trying to beat the system — atheist folk singer Gavin (Jim Sturgess) tries to bluff his way into America via a religious exemption; erstwhile actress Claire (Alice Eve) reluctantly agrees to sleep her way in. She becomes prey for a scuzzball green card adjudicator (Ray Liotta), who is married to an immigration attorney (Ashley Judd). The situation continues to get as tangled as the L.A. freeway interchanges that director Wayne Kramer frequently cuts to via aerial shots. Crossing Over plays like an overripe pilot for a failed TV series. There are no extras.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

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The perfect sister

Breslin plays girl conceived to harvest body parts

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Thirteen-year-old Oscar nominee Abigail Breslin was anxious to get to lunch during a Canada media stopover for the film My Sister's Keeper.

She's approaching the end of a three month strict "no-clothes buying spending diet" imposed by her father. She is scheduled to have lunch at a mall and its only mid-June. The diet doesn't end until July 1.

"Oh yes!" she assures. "He never said anything about shoes or jewelry or purses, he just said clothes. That's a very limited arena."

Breslin's film, based on Jodi Picoult's novel, looks at the damage caused by a mother's obsessive fight to keep alive a daughter gravely ill with leukemia. Breslin plays the second daughter who was scientifically conceived and altered to be a source of body tissue and organ donations for her older sister's procedures.

My Sister's Keeper opens in theatres on Friday.

Breslin's character decides she's had enough, and sues her parents for medical emancipation.

"It teaches us a lot. What you have today you might not have tomorrow. It also shows that the whole family does love each other. It's definitely a hard situation to be in to have to decide what to do. Every situation in the movie is hard and my character, she's between her sister and her family and that is definitely hard, " Breslin says.

"I see the mother's point of view," she continues. "That's one of the things I liked about the movie. There are no real bad guys, everybody's doing what they think is right and best and not trying to do anything bad."

Breslin's sunny face darkens ever so slightly. "People tell me they wept watching it. Well, I cried making it. It's definitely a hard movie to watch but at the end of the day, it's about a family who, even though they are disconnected, they still love each other.

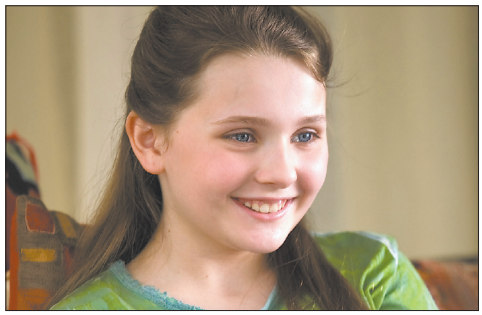
"That's really important. It makes you think, it taught me not to take anything for granted, especially health. It shows what a really horrible disease cancer is. And one day I want to be able to say it used to be but it's not any more."

There are some less heavy roles on Breslin's horizon, including the animated features The Wild Bunch, Rango and Quantum Quest: A Cassini Space Odyssey, along with a horror comedy Zombieland.

The young actress is quick to change back to cheerier subjects.

"I definitely like acting, and I like fashion, I like clothes," Breslin says. "And I'm double-jointed."

With that, she bends her thumb right up against her wrist, then jumps up, turns her high-heeled feet in opposite directions and walks, one foot facing completely backwards.



Abigail Breslin stars in the new film My Sister's Keeper.

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	-	539 42 TCM	*The Shop Around the Corner*		*Ninotchka* ★★★★ (1939, Comedy) Greta Garbo. (DVS)				*The Merry Widow* ★★★ (1934, Musical)		
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critics' corner

Being Erica
Who says there are no do-overs? The title character of this comedy-drama is learning otherwise. Erica (Erin Karpluk) is in her early 30s and living with the consequences of some bad decisions. But a new therapist (Michael Riley) gives her the power to go back in time and make some changes, which don't always turn out as planned. In this episode, she goes back to high school to attempt to right an old wrong.
9 PM on CBRT

America's Got Talent
Britain may have YouTube sensation Susan Boyle, but the colonies can serve up their own memorable (and sometimes bizarre) previously undiscovered acts. The blockbuster talent show is back for a fourth season with a new host — comic Nick Cannon — and returning judges David Hasselhoff, Sharon Osbourne and Piers Morgan as contestants compete for a $1 million grand prize, plus invaluable national exposure. 9 PM on ACCESS: 10 PM on KHQ

Baby sister for Griffiths family

It's "brother and sisters" for the kids of actress Rachel Griffiths and hubby Andrew Taylor. A rep for the star of ABC's Brothers and Sisters confirmed to People that a new daughter will join daughter Adelaide Rose and son Banjo Patrick. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Anna elopes?

MARRIAGE Actress Anna Faris and her fiancé, Chris Pratt, headed to Maui this past weekend to elope in a secret ceremony, according to sources for the Superficial. They were later spotted playing in the water, making faces at the paparazzi.

GETTY IMAGES

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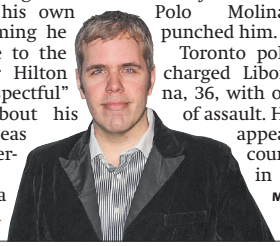
Black-Eyed Perez dust-up

DRAMA Police have made an arrest after celebrity blogger Perez Hilton claims he was give a black eye by the Black Eyed Peas' manager following the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto on Sunday night.

Immediately after the attack, Hilton wrote on Twitter: "I was assaulted by will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas and his security guards. I am bleeding. Please, I need to file a police report. No joke."

Will.i.am was quick to respond, posting a video message on his own website, claiming he merely spoke to the blogger after Hilton made "disrespectful" comments about his Black Eyed Peas bandmate Fergie.

Later, in a video posted online, Hilton — whose real name is Mario Lavandeira — alleges it was Black Eyed Peas manager Polo Molina that punched him.



Toronto police have charged Liborio Molina, 36, with one count of assault. He's set to appear in court Aug. 5 in Toronto.

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Kate throws fit (and laptop)

CRAZY GIRLFRIEND Dating a temperamental supermodel can be bad for business, especially if you're Jamie Hince from The Kills. During a fight, his girlfriend, Kate Moss, reportedly threw his laptop into a swimming pool, according to the Mirror.

Unfortunately, the computer held six newly recorded songs by his band that weren't backed up anywhere else.

"Jamie was speechless," a source said. "He waded into the water to fish the bag out, and tried to resuscitate the laptop." But the pair worked it out. "After much grovelling from Kate, they kissed and made up — and even saw the funny side of it. Kate's buying him a new computer."

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Jon and Kate divorcing

IT'S OVER After months of speculation, the 10-year marriage of Jon & Kate Plus 8's stars Kate and Jon Gosselin is coming to an end, people.com reports.

Documents to initiate a legal split were filed at the Bucks County Courthouse in Doylestown, Pa., Monday afternoon.

Fans who have watched the couple's popular TLC show — or read the voluminous coverage of the Gosselin marriage in the press — will hardly be surprised: The duo had long maintained a tense relationship, with Jon recently telling People he wanted a less high-profile life, while Kate appeared to remain committed to their TV career.

When the fifth season of the Gosselins' show premiered May 25, the couple admitted to having problems and not knowing where their relationship was headed.

TLC promotions of the show promised a major announcement about the family on last night's episode of Jon & Kate Plus 8.

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Loud Lindsay

SHHH Lindsay Lohan is officially too loud — and she has the citation to prove it. According to TMZ, Lohan's Hollywood Hills neighbours grew so frustrated by her partying that they called police on her. Cops arrived at her home at 4:20 a.m. Sunday and issued her a ticket for excessive noise.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Farrah and Ryan to marry

LAST ROMANCE Ryan O'Neal says he and longtime love Farrah Fawcett are tying the knot, usmagazine.com reports.

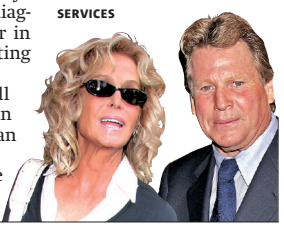
"I've asked her to marry me, again, and she's agreed," O'Neal, 68, told Barbara Walters for an exclusive 20/20 interview airing Friday. O'Neal says Fawcett — who was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006 — is now "fighting for her life."

But he says they'll wed "as soon as she can say yes. ... Maybe we can just nod her head."

"I promise you, we will," he told Walters. "Absolutely."

The two — who have a 24-year-old son, Redmond — have been together since 1980.

"I used to ask her to marry me all the time," O'Neal told Walters. "But ... it just got to be a joke, you know. We just joked about it."



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Today Clouds, rain 21 C / 8 C
Wednesday Mostly sunny 23 C / 9 C
Thursday Sunny 23 C / 11 C

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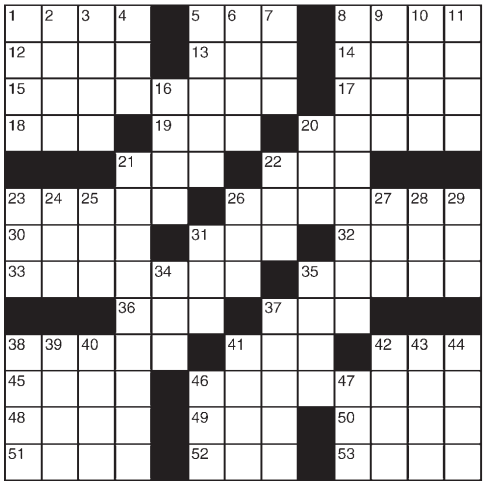

Crossword across

1 BLT enhancer
5 Miss. neighbour
8 "Ali —"
12 Vaccine type
13 Dog's doc
14 Somewhere out there
15 Game birds
17 Advanced math
18 Scot's refusal
19 Disencumber
20 Snapshot
21 Auction action
22 Lustrous black
23 Liechtenstein's capital
26 Persuaded
30 Sailor's greeting
31 Heathcliff, e.g.
32 "— Only Just Begun"
33 She wrote "Give me your tired, your poor, ..."
35 Under a spell
36 Big shot
37 Up to, briefly
38 Ricochet
41 Peruke
42 Omega preceder
45 From the beginning
46 One who keeps late hours
48 Protuberance
49 Blond shade
50 Orsk's river
51 Carbon compound
52 Wager
53 Pleads

Crossword down

1 Cut, as a lawn
2 Soprano's solo
3 Harvard rival
4 On in years
5 Dodge
6 Lecherous
7 Pac. counterpart
8 Terry-cloth item
9 Roundish hairstyle
10 Lure
11 Jason's ship
16 Looney Tunes animator Freleng
20 Corral
21 "Wheel of Fortune" option
22 Write in the margins
23 Actor Kilmer
24 "Eureka!"
25 Florist's qty.
26 Existed
27 Irritate
28 Previous night
29 Scarlet
31 Recipe measure
34 Edge
35 Lofty
37 Snug
38 Walking stick
39 In due time
40 Start over
41 Sagacious
42 Skin opening
43 Booty
44 Troubles
46 Apprehend
47 Three-man vessel?

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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9	2	1	6	8	7	5	3	4

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Pita Pizzas

INGREDIENTS:
Oil for greasing
2 whole-wheat pita breads
3 tbsp (45 ml) ketchup
1/2 tsp (2 ml) Tabasco sauce
2oz (55 g) each of Mozzarella, mature Cheddar, and Pont-l'Évêque, Chaumes or Oka cheese
1 medium red onion
2 medium tomatoes
1/2 large red or green pepper
1 clove garlic
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
4 black olives

GARNISH:
A few sprigs each of fresh marjoram and basil,
2 tsp (10 ml) Parmesan cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Lightly oil baking sheet. Open pitas and split in half with sharp knife.
2. Mix ketchup with Tabasco sauce. Spread some on each pita half and arrange on baking sheet.
3. Grate Mozzarella and Cheddar cheese together and sprinkle over pitas.
4. Slice or dice Pont-l'Évêque, Chaumes or Oka cheese and spread evenly over grated cheese.
5. Peel onion and slice into thin wedges. Rinse and dry tomatoes and pepper. Slice tomato into rounds. Deseed and finely chop pepper. Arrange onion and tomatoes on top of cheese and scatter with chopped pepper.
6. Peel and crush garlic, mix with olive oil and drizzle over pizzas. Place one olive in centre of each and bake on top shelf of oven for 10 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, rinse and dry herbs, strip off leaves and put into bowl. Add Parmesan and mix.
8. Remove pitas from oven, sprinkle with herbs and Parmesan mixture, and serve hot. **SERVES 2**

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Do you get the feeling that you should be doing more and doing better? Maybe you should start listening more to your inner voice.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It would be nice to believe that no one means you harm, that everyone is on your side, but that's unlikely to be true.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may need to remind certain people today that you are a free-spirited Gemini and that if they want to be part of your inner circle, they need to give you space.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's Sun-Pluto opposition urges you to consolidate the gains you have made in recent weeks.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you want to salvage a friendship that is on the rocks you are going to have to apologize for some of the things you said.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Some things are worth getting worked up about and some things are not. Do you know the difference? It's time to put a petty dispute behind you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have been drifting along without a care in the world of late but the current cosmic picture urges you to get serious about work and family.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The time has come to make up your mind what it is you want most out of life and to focus all your energies on getting it.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There may be a thousand and one things you should be doing but if your inner voice tells you to hold off on them for a while, you would be wise to listen.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
With the Sun in your opposite sign of Cancer at odds with Pluto today you should be on your guard for power struggles both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Routine chores seem to be taking up a lot of your time at the moment and the situation may get worse later in the week.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Try not to spread yourself too thin today. You may think you can do it all but your body and your brain will regret it if you push yourself too hard.

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$949 Taxes & fees: $152

Maui, Hawaii via Vancouver
Aston at the Maui Banyan • 3★
1 bedroom / 1 bathroom standard suite
Aug. 22 & 29 • 1 wk.
$1149 Taxes & fees: $152

Turks & Caicos via Toronto
Comfort Suites • 3★
Continental breakfast
Standard junior suite
Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 1 wk.
$1079 Taxes & fees: $247

DEAL to EUROPE

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